

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Steven J. Cotroneo
Group : 3733
Applicant : Patrick Leahy
Serial No. : 10/553,941
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Title : A DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USE IN SURGERY
Customer No. : 28101

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2010, having a three-month period for response ending December 23, 2010, attached is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and associated fee. Withdrawal of the finality of the prior Office Action is appropriate.

Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.